essential qualification for this post?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Four out of existing Education Officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan do not possess the B.Ed. Degree since the Recruitment Rules at the time of their selection did not stipulate B.Ed. as a mandatory qualification for recruitment of Education Officers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

**Import of Pulses**

*137. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pulses imported by India in 2000-2001; and

(b) what was the reason for the imports, despite huge domestic production of pulses and peas?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The import of pulses in 2000-2001 was 3.48 lakh tonnes.

(b) The import of pulses is under Open General License (OGL). The production of pulses during 2000-2001 was lower due to drought in most of the major pulse producing States. There was a gap between demand and domestic supply as a result of which imports took place during the year 2000-2001.

**Stray wild animals**

*138. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of leopards, tigers and lions, having strayed from forests into human habitations or fields, were killed by villagers in Assam, Maharashtra and other States during 1998-99, 1999-2000,